

like then, we owe them our debt of gratitude.●

RECOGNIZING UNIT 70 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I recognize American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 out of Judith Gap, MT. Judith Gap is a small town in central Montana with less than 200 residents, but they have a vibrant community where the American Legion plays a key role. The legion supports a whole host of activities, from supporting veterans throughout Montana to throwing local poppy-themed dinners. They provide a great deal for the area, and I ask unanimous consent that the full activities record of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 of Judith Gap, MT, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE JUDITH GAP AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

I would like you to become acquainted with the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 70 of Judith Gap. It is located between what is called the Gap between the little Belt Mountains, and the Big Snowy Mountains. It is referred to as the "Gap" and is close to the center of Montana. The "Gap" is well known for the terrific winds and snows that close the road from all directions. The "wind farm" on the prairie a few miles south of town attests to the presence of wind.

It is also known for the many activities of the American Legion Auxiliary. I encourage you to visit our town. We have a school, two churches, grocery store, gas station, cafe, post office, American Legion Hall, fire station, and two bars. We are not BIG like New York City, but we too, are on the map.

Our members are proud to be a part of the largest patriotic organization in the world. We are a "goal" unit, and have kept this rating for many years. We really believe in encouraging our eligible girls to join as junior members. Without our youth becoming involved, any organization will die. Like so many worthwhile things, it takes time and effort. We are proud that a member's son only four years old can recite the Pledge of Allegiance and can sing America The Beautiful. Our youth present Old Glory at basketball games and sing the Star Spangled Banner.

I will relate to you a "bird's eye" view of what we do:

Surely everyone has seen the red crepe-paper poppies that are made by our veterans. The little red poppies are distributed in May. The money contributed goes to help our veterans. School students enter the poppy poster contest to remember and honor our veterans. Awards are given to the winners. School students write Americanism essays. Awards are given to the winners. We contribute to our Mt. V.A. hospitals and V.A. facilities at Ft. Harrison, Glendive, Miles City, Columbia Falls, and to the V.A. Clinics in Montana.

We have parties for the Legion's birthday, the Americanism Program, the Mental Health Center. We gave gifts to our WWII lady veteran, and to our "adopted veteran".

We donated to Freedoms Foundation, Spirit of Youth, Children's Miracle Network, Oloha Scholarship, Girls State, Child Welfare, Community Service, emergency fund, Chapel of four Chaplains, and the U.S.O.

We send Christmas cards, easter cards, phone cards, care packages, and neck coolers

to our troops. We collect and send coupons to the receiving centers for the use of Veterans families.

We write letters to our Congressmen to ask them to support bills for veterans benefits, and to prevent flag desecration.

The many activities and programs that we accomplish means we have to make money (oh no, we do not counterfeit) we have a "fund raiser". Our main fund raiser is the Memorial Day Dinner. While the legionnaires are performing their ceremony at the cemetery (yes, the wind is blowing and they are holding on to the big American Flag with all of their might) we ladies are getting the dinner ready. The poppy posters made by our students, decorate the hall, poppy centerpieces are on the table, and a basketfull of poppies is in place to receive contributions and to wear a poppy. All has gone well.

We are thankful for all the help we get to finance our programs. The local radio station announces the Memorial Day Dinner—free! The local newspapers publish our meetings and the pictures of Girls State delegates and alternates—free! We have much to be thankful for and are thankful for much.

There is no better feeling, than the feeling we have when we have accomplished the task we set out to do. Through our activities, we have shown we honor and respect our veterans. We shall always remember their sacrifices that have enabled us to live in a free nation, where we are able to express our belief in God, and love of our Country, The United States of America. God bless America.

Dated: April 14, 2008. Respectfully submitted to the office of the Honorable Jon Tester, Senator, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-2602, for publication in the Congressional Record, From: Avis M. Perry, Unit #70, Judith Gap Legislative Chr., American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Montana, 12 Perry Ranch Ln, Judith Gap, Mt. 59453-81130.●

HONORING THE LOUISIANA HONORAIR

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I wish to acknowledge and honor a very special group, the Louisiana HonorAir. Louisiana HonorAir is a not-for-profit group that flies as many as 200 World War II veterans a year up to Washington, DC, free of charge. On May 10, 2008, a group of 103 veterans will reach Washington as part of this very special program.

I want to take a moment to thank all the brave veterans visiting our Capital City this trip:

Robert M. Aitken, Jr.; Carl J. Andrews; Louis Armes; Douglas C. Augustin; Earl J. Balser; Palmer R. Barras; Roland N. Barrios; Maurice H. Behrnes; Charles C. Bishop; Jack Bond; Thomas A. Booker, Jr.; John L. Boudreaux; Robert S. Boudreaux; Wilbert P. Braid; Thomas A. Breaux; Theodore A. Castillo; Clarence B. Champagne; Cassuis H. Clay; John H. Coco; Joseph A. Courville; Edwin F. Curry.

Daniel M. Danahay; Leory Derouen; Charles E. Dodd; Lloyd Dubois; Clarence Duff; Aldon Duhon; Joseph Duplechain; Clavin L. Elliott; Alva E. English; Henry L. Fewell, Sr.; John J. Filisky; Rayford Fantenot Leroy J. Gedward; Albert K. Germany; Ed A. Godwin; Ernest E. Goff; Willie B. Goforth; Bobby A. Gunn; Gerald D. Ham; William F. Harvey, Jr.; Albert J. Hebert; Allen L. Hebert; Patrick R. Hebert.

Aloysius G. Hellmers; Willie Herron; Burnell C. Hobgood; John W. Holean; Dan-

iel F. Hrachovy; Robert J. Hufft; Glen W. Hunt; George H. Jones; Earl A. Karl; Thomas W. Kent; Gus O. Lamperez; John W. Landry, Jr.; Joseph B. Landry; Carroll F. LeBlanc; Cleveland J. LeBlanc; Clement O. Lejeune, Sr.; Lawrence J. Lejeune; Robert H. Littell; Henry J. Louviere, Jr.; Carrol E. Lyons.

Oliver W. Markland, Jr.; Leo J. Matte; Orvin A. Maxwell; Earl E. Mayfield; Van R. Mayhall; Joseph D. McBride; Robert J. McDonald; Francis R. Meaux; Carl L. Meriwether; Joseph N. Mire; Raymond W. Moore, Jr.; George Mouton; James R. Neef; Marion W. Newman; Jules U. Olivier; Reed J. Perilloux; Eugene J. Peyton; Joseph H. Philippe; Walter Pilcher; Wallace Primeaux, Jr.

Alex Prudhomme; Wilfred Racca; Richard C. Robert; George O. Schmidt; George M. Shamblin, Sr.; Albert J. Simon; Howard L. Snider; Eldridge Sonnier; Eli Sorkow; Frank Spell, Jr.; George H. Taix; Earl E. Turner; Lawrence J. Tylock; Curliiss P. Vincent; James P. Welsh; Gloria T. White; Edwin P. Whitson; Clarence B. Wiley; Edward Young.

While visiting Washington, DC, these veterans will tour Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. This program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service.

Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, withdrawals and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 5, 2008, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 493. An act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

H.R. 1195. An act to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5715. An act to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed during the session of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on May 6, 2008.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ohio to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2972. A bill to reauthorize and modernize the Federal Aviation Administration.

S. 2973. A bill to promote the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6058. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8357-3) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6059. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyridalyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8361-4) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6060. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirodiclofen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8362-2) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6061. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6062. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6063. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department encourages Congress to adopt as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6064. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management,

Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Divestment by Registered Investment Companies in Accordance with the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007" (RIN3235-AK05) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6065. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill intended to eliminate the four-year limitation on contracts for the manufacture of distinctive paper for U.S. currency and securities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6066. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to authorization for the National Transportation Safety Board; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6067. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Potential Sonoran Desert Bald Eagle Distinct Population Segment As Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN1018-AW12) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6068. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia: Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8560-3) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6069. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama: Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 8560-2) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6070. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Deadline for Action on Section 126 Petition From Warrick County, Indiana, and the Town of Newburgh, Indiana" (FRL No. 8559-9) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6071. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Disposal Restrictions: Site-Specific Treatment Variance for P and U-Listed Hazardous Mixed Wastes Treated by Vacuum Thermal Desorption at the Energy Solutions' Facility in Clive, Utah" (FRL No. 8560-1) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6072. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; West Virginia: Transportation Conformity Requirement" (FRL No. 8561-2) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6073. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Petroleum Refineries" (RIN2060-AN72) (FRL No. 8563-

2)) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6074. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8562-9) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6075. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revised PM2.5 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets; State of New Jersey" (FRL No. 8562-1) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6076. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address for Submission of Certain Reports; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8563-1) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6077. A communication from the Acting Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Iraq" (RIN1505-AB91) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6078. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled, "Country Reports on Terrorism 2007"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6079. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a letter detailing the creation of an Accountability Review Board relative to an attack that occurred in Khartoum, Sudan, on January 1, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6080. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Capital Management in Agencies" (RIN3206-AJ92) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6081. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6082. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled, "Grade Retention Modification Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6083. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-360, "Compliance Unit Establishment Act of 2008" received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6084. A communication from the President and Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's 2007 annual report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6085. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to